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SUBJ: UNHCR/ICRC OBSERVERS FOR GUAM REPATRIATES

1. IN SPEARATE CONVERSATIONS THIS MORNING WITH GALLOPIN (ICRC) AND SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN (UNHCR), WILSON AND CARLIN RECEIVED AGREE-
MENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER COULD BE PRESENT AT
TIME GUAM REPATRIATES ARE ASKED TO MAKE FINAL CHOICE ON WHETHER
OR NOT THEY WISH TO JOIN THOSE VIETNAMESE CHOSING TO SELF-RE-
PATRIATE THEMSELVES BY BOAT.
2. GALLOPIN, PRESIDENT OF ICRC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DISPLAYED SYM-
PATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO
CONSIDER MATTER FAVORABLY AND TO MAKE SOMEONE AVAILABLE SUBJECT
TO CONSULTATION WITH UNHCR.
3. SADRUDDIN AGA DHAN AT FIRST EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO HAVE HIS
REPRESENTATIVE ON GUAM PLAY THIS ROLE FOR FEAR OF ERODING OR
UNDER-MINING UNHCR'S ABILITY TO ASSIST OTHER WOULD-BE VIETNAMESE
REPATRIATES IN THE FUTURE. IN LATER CONVERSATION SADRUDDIN INDI-
CATED MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION THATN HAD BEEN EXHIBITED IN INI-
TIAL CONVERSATION THIS SUBJECT, BUT STILL FELT UNHCR REP PRESENCE
MIGHT PREJUDICE LATER EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF REPATRIATES NOT SELECT-
ING BOAT OPTION AND FUTURE REPATRIATION EFFORTS IN OTHER COUN-
TRIES. NEVERTHELESS, DID NOT RULE OUT GORDON-LENNOX PRESENCE EN-
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TIRELY AND INDICATED HE WOULD TALK TO GALLOPIN AND TRY TO REACH

ARRANGEMENT WHEREIN ONE OR OTHER OR BOTH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WOULD-BE REPATRIATES AT TIME OF EMBARKATION TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED ARE FOLLOWING THEIR OWN FREE WILL AND RETURNING TO VIETNAM VOLUNTARILY.

4. US MISSION GENEVA WILL PURSUE MATTER WITH BOTH UNHCR AND ICRC IN ORDER TO FINALIZE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT TO HAVE EMBARKATION OBSERVED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF IMPARTIAL, OBJECTIVE ORGANIZATION.

5. MATTERS OF MIA'S, AMERICAN PRISONERS AND REMAINS OF TWO AMERICAN MARINES ALSO RAISED SEPARATELY WITH UNHCR AND ICRC PRESIDENT. BOTH AGREED TO REMAIN ALERT TO THESE PROBLEMS AND TO ASSIST AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR RESOLUTION.ABRAMS

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